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[REDACTED] Soviet warship [REDACTED] lying dead in the water on an easterly course, was sighted near buoy No. 14 on prescribed-swept channel No. 1.1 The vessel, which was about 40 meters long, had a continuous deck; it had a canvas-covered gun on the foredeck, a rather low bridge, which projected slightly forward, and a rangefinder. There was a mast, with a signal crossyard, aft of the bridge; there was a searchlight on the mast which was about one meter in diameter, and was located about two meters above the bulwark. There was a second mast, with a rangefinder frame, located between the first mast and the low, squat smokestack, which was only a little higher than the bridge. A pivot-mounted machine gun, of about 20 mm caliber, was located just aft of the bridge. There was a lifeboat in each of the davits on the port and starboard side. The ship had a square stern with iron rails, which bent downward and projected outboard. [REDACTED] field between two narrow blue stripes.2

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The ship [REDACTED] is a BO-class vessel, and on 20 April 1953, was observed tied up to the east mole in Swinemunde, together with her sisterships [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. This is the second Soviet flag with an upper blue stripe reported. Previous information on this flag, seen on the Soviet warship [REDACTED] was not forwarded, as it was believed an error by informant. See [REDACTED]

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